

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method comprising:
 - 2 generating an outcome for a slot machine, the outcome representing a
 - 3 plurality of reel symbols;
 - 4 displaying an icon of a popcorn for each symbol;
 - 5 determining, for each symbol, a respective position on a matrix,
 - 6 in which the matrix is defined by a plurality of rows and a plurality
 - 7 of columns, and
 - 8 in which each respective position is defined by one of the rows and
 - 9 one of the columns,
 - 10 displaying, for each popcorn icon, a respective image of the popcorn icon
 - 11 transforming into the corresponding symbol;
 - 12 displaying, for each symbol, an image which moves from a starting position
 - 13 to the respective determined position;
 - 14 displaying the symbols on a display device based on the determined
 - 15 positions; and
 - 16 determining a payout based on rows and columns of the determined
 - 17 positions.
- 1 2. A method comprising:
 - 2 generating an outcome for a gaming device;
 - 3 determining a position on a matrix;
 - 4 displaying the outcome on a display device based on the determined
 - 5 position; and
 - 6 determining a payout based on the determined position.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 - 2 displaying an image which moves from a starting position to the
 - 3 determined position.

1 4. The method of claim 2,
2 in which generating an outcome comprises generating a plurality of
3 outcomes,
4 in which determining a position on a matrix comprises determining a
5 plurality of positions on the matrix,
6 and further comprising:
7 generating a payout based on the plurality of determined positions.

1 5. The method of claim 4, in which generating the payout based on the
2 plurality of determined positions comprises:
3 generating the payout based on outcomes having respective positions which
4 define a row.

1 6. The method of claim 4, in which generating an outcome based on the
2 plurality of determined positions comprises:
3 generating the payout based on outcomes having respective positions which
4 define a column.

1 7. The method of claim 2, in which determining a position on a matrix
2 comprises
3 randomly determining the position.

1 8. The method of claim 2, in which determining a position on a matrix
2 comprises
3 determining the position based on at least one rule.

1 9. The method of claim 8, in which determining a position on a matrix
2 comprises
3 determining the position based on at least one rule and a determined
4 position of another outcome.

- 1 10. The method of claim 9, in which determining a position on a matrix
- 2 comprises
 - 3 determining the position based on a determined position of a second
 - 4 outcome, in which a symbol of the outcome and a symbol of the second outcome
 - 5 are identical.
- 1 11. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 - 2 dividing the outcome into a plurality of components; and
 - 3 displaying an image that depicts the components forming the outcome.
- 1 12. A method comprising:
 - 2 generating an outcome for a slot machine, the outcome representing a
 - 3 plurality of reel symbols;
 - 4 determining, for each symbol, a respective position on a matrix,
 - 5 in which the matrix is defined by a plurality of rows and a plurality
 - 6 of columns, and
 - 7 in which each respective position is defined by one of the rows and
 - 8 one of the columns,
 - 9 displaying the symbols on a display device based on the determined
 - 10 positions; and
 - 11 determining a payout based on the determined positions.
 - 1 13. The method of claim 12, in which determining, for each symbol, a
 - 2 respective position comprises
 - 3 determining, for each symbol, a respective position based on at least one
 - 4 rule.
 - 1 14. The method of claim 13, in which determining, for each symbol, a
 - 2 respective position
 - 3 determining, for each symbol, a respective position based on at least one
 - 4 rule and a determined position of another symbol.

1 15. The method of claim 14, in which determining, for each symbol, a
2 respective position comprises
3 determining, for each symbol, a respective position based on a determined
4 position of another symbol identical to the symbol.

1 16. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 displaying, for each symbol, an image which moves from a starting position
3 to the respective determined position.

1 17. The method of claim 12, in which determining a payout based on the
2 determined positions comprises:
3 determining the payout based on symbols having respective determined
4 positions which define a row.

1 18. The method of claim 17, in which determining a payout based on the
2 determined positions comprises:
3 determining the payout based on identical symbols having respective
4 determined positions which define a row.

1 19. The method of claim 12, in which determining a payout based on the
2 determined positions comprises:
3 determining the payout based on symbols having respective determined
4 positions which define a column.

1 20. The method of claim 19, in which determining a payout based on the
2 determined positions comprises:
3 determining the payout based on identical symbols having respective
4 determined positions which define a column.